## Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2016 Regular Session

#### **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 494	
Bill #: HB 208 GA	
Bill Subject/Title: _	AN ACT relating to the Prescribed Fire Program.
Sponsor: Representative McKee	
Unit of Government:	
	X       Charter County       X       Consolidated Local       X       Unified Local         X       Government
Office(s) Impacted:	Local fire departments; local emergency management personnel
Requirement: X	Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:	Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

#### **Part II: Purpose and Mechanics**

HB 208 GA would exempt any person certified by the Prescribed Fire Council's Burn Boss Program from the requirements of KRS Chapter 149, but must perform the following:

- Comply with provisions of KRS 149.375,
- Comply with any local burn bans or red flag warning days,
- Give notice to the Division of Forestry at least 24 hours prior to the burn, and notify adjacent landowners and local emergency dispatch the day of the burn.

### Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

# Subject to certain conditions, HB 208 GA is expected to have minimal impact on local governments.

The committee substitute eliminates many of the requirements outlined by the Prescribed Fire Program in the initial bill, but still requires the individual committing the burn to give notice to the Division of Forestry at least 24 hours prior to the burn, and to emergency dispatch and adjacent landowners the day of the burn. Many of the safeguards in the initial bill are also in place with the version as passed by the House. Provided all

controlled fires are extinguished and monitored in the appropriate manner, and the provisions of the proposed substitute are met, this legislation should have minimal impact on local governments.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Firefighters Association/Kentucky Fire Commission; Kentucky

**Emergency Management Association** 

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